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Committee on Transfer & Articulation Annual Report

Coordinating Board for Higher Education

June 4, 2025

BACKGROUND

Sections 173.005.2(6) and 173.020(3), RSMo, authorize the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) to ensure efficient and effective transfer of students among Missouri institutions. The Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA), CBHE's standing advisory committee, works to facilitate the transfer of students between institutions of higher education within the state. 6 CSR 10-3.020(7)(A)2.I. requires an annual report to the CBHE on COTA's activities, including committee meetings, actions, and recommendations.

CURRENT STATUS

Report of Committee Meetings:

COTA held nine virtual and three face-to-face meetings in the 2024-2025 Academic Year. A list of current COTA members is available in Attachment A.

Report of Committee Actions:

- COTA hosted an in-person conference on March 7, 2025, "Student Centered Transfer Revolution: Rethinking Policies, Practices, and Partnerships." The conference, held at Camden on the Lake, hosted approximately 100 attendees across Missouri, Illinois, and Kansas. Eleven speakers presented on topics related to best practices, partnering with AI to empower enrollment and student success, building inter-collegiate relationships, and successful implementation of NSC Reverse Transfer Process. The Evaluation Report can be found in Attachment B.
- A TAO Slack channel was started to better streamline communication with transfer and articulation officers.
- Members of COTA hosted a breakout session regarding transfer trends at the Missouri Community College Association annual convention on November 14, 2024.
- COTA determined to work in association with the Transfer Taskforce and is partnering with CCAC regarding Core 42 policy.
- Two new members were welcomed to COTA July 2024 and new leadership was voted in.

Report of Committee Recommendations:

COTA was not asked to offer recommendations to institutions regarding transfer and articulation policy this year.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A: 2024-2025 COTA Membership Roster
- Attachment B: 2025 COTA Conference Summary

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COTA CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

The Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA) is charged by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to review and make recommendations on transfer issues; study and develop transfer guidelines for traditional and non-traditional credits; solicit suggestions and data from administrators, faculty, and students concerning transfer; and monitor institutions to determine whether they are informing transfer students of their rights and responsibilities.

The COTA Conference has been held annually since 2007. The intent of the conference is to provide attendees with additional data about best transfer practices, persistent transfer problems, and useful resources. The conference also provides an excellent opportunity to network with colleagues from across the state on transfer/articulation issues and challenges of mutual concern.

COTA Conference Summary for the CBHE

The Missouri Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development hosted the annual COTA Conference on Friday, March 7, 2025 at Camden on the Lake.

Student Centered Transfer Revolution: Rethinking Policies, Practices, and Partnerships

Conference Sessions

Welcome Session - *Dr. Bennett Boggs* - Commissioner, *Gavin O'Conner* - COTA Chair

Keynote Address: Enhancing Onboarding and Academic Advising for Transfer Students - *Dr. Maggie Segnitz* - Director of Success Advising, University of Central Missouri

Q & A - *Dr. Maggie Segnitz* - Director of Success Advising, University of Central Missouri

Pathways to Progress: Optimizing Transfer Programming in Community Colleges - *Stephanie Ferguson* - Coordinator of Transfer Pathways, St. Louis Community College

CORE 42 Roundtable - *Becky Blackaby* - Professor of Physical Sciences, Moberly Area Community College; *Leslie Buck* - Professor of Psychology, Jefferson College; *Leigh Kolb* - Associate Professor of English, East Central Community College

Partnering with AI: Empowering Enrollment, Retention, and Student Success through Innovative Tools - *Elizabeth Kirby* - Director of Enrollment Solutions at EnrollML

Practical Strategies for Building Inter-Collegiate Relationships Between Community Colleges and Four-Year Universities - *Jamie Stanley* - Academic Advisor, *Heather Flint* - Career Advisor, Crowder College

NSC Reverse Transfer Process: How to Begin the Journey Toward Successful Implementation - *Joanna Szewczak* - IT Analyst, *Robert Halbach* - Academic Records Specialist, *Faustina Abrahams* - Registrar, Missouri Southern State University; *Mindy Starcher* - Business Development Executive, National Student Clearinghouse

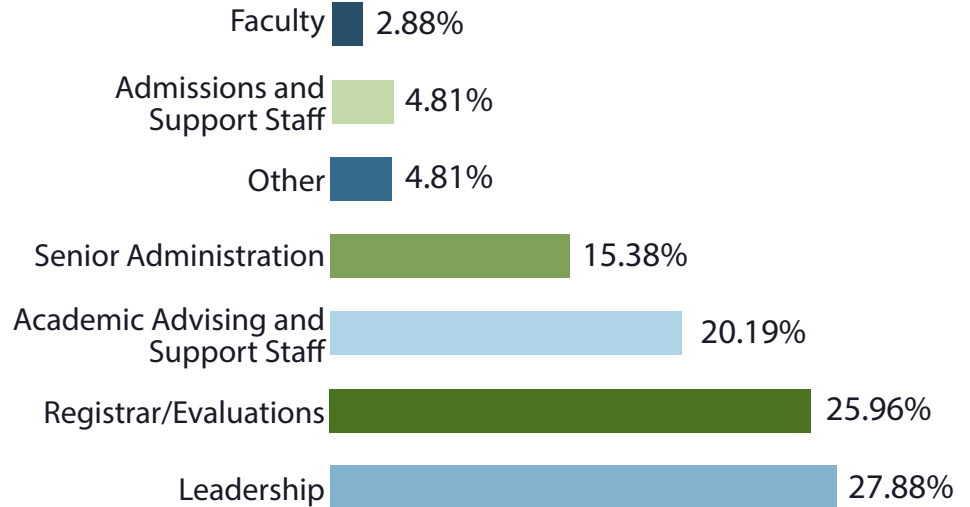
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The COTA Conference is a one-day, in-person learning opportunity to address the changing issues presented in higher education with respect to student transfer, credit vs. non-credit, articulation agreements, and fostering institutional policy to vigorously support transfer student degree attainment. The aim of the conference is to aid participants and their institutions to navigate new territory, identify institutional infrastructure impediments, and offer insight into inclusionary practices for transfer students, with a particular focus on adult learners. The conference is designed with a goal of guiding institutions to think broadly and generously so that students do not have credits that are stranded. Participants will learn practical and research-based strategies, build connections, and gain more insights into the state of transfer in Missouri. Individuals from all functional areas at community colleges, universities, and other organizations are encouraged to attend.

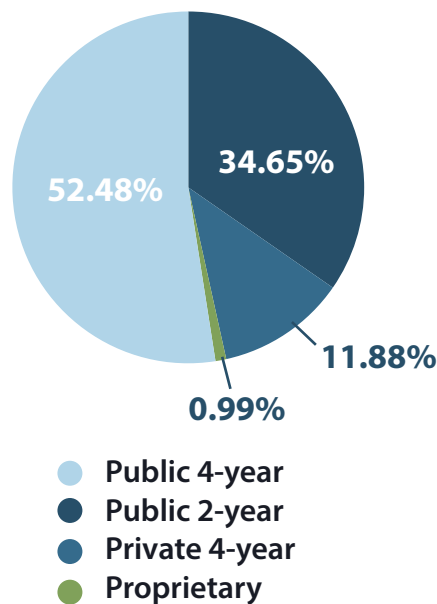
Our in-person format offers opportunities for learning across the state, engaging scholars at the forefront of their fields, and boldly considering new ways to remove barriers that learners face in higher education. Our conference offers synchronous participation in workshops, featured speaker sessions, and trend topics, in addition to an Ask the Expert Q & A session with our keynote speaker.

CONFERENCE DEMOGRAPHICS

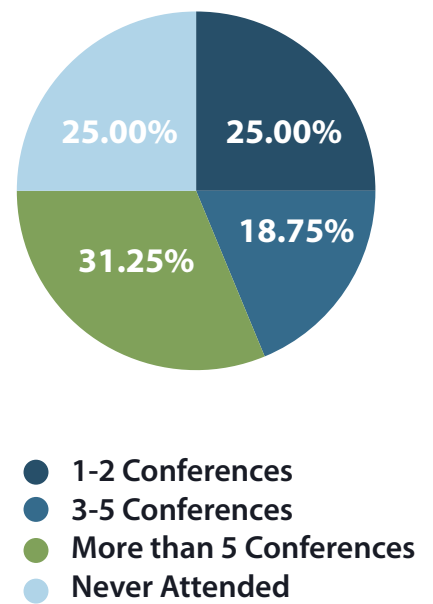
INSTITUTIONAL ROLE



ATTENDANCE BY INSTITUTION TYPE



PREVIOUS YEARS OF ATTENDANCE



OVERALL CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Overall Conference Evaluation (Mean response, scale 1 (unsatisfied) to 5 (very satisfied))	Percentage (Very Satisfied)
The presentations and discussions addressed important issues surrounding transfer	81.25%
The conference was helpful for increasing my understanding of transfer practices	81.25%
Overall, how would you rate this event?	87.50%